

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a polynucleotide having 500 or more consecutive nucleotides of

the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1, or 500 or more consecutive nucleotides of
the complement of SEQ ID No. 1.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid ~~according to claim 1~~, comprising a ~~polynucleotide of the entire~~ nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No. 2, or the ~~entire~~ complement of SEQ ID No. 2.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The isolated nucleic acid ~~according to claim 1~~, comprising a polynucleotide ~~which has~~ having at least 20 consecutive nucleotides of the sequence SEQ ID No. 3, or at least 20 consecutive nucleotides of the complement of SEQ ID No. 3.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim ~~4~~ 2, comprising a polynucleotide which has 35 or more consecutive nucleotides of
the sequence SEQ ID No. 5, or ~~an isolated nucleic acid of~~
35 or more consecutive nucleotides of the complement of SEQ ID No. ~~5~~ complementary sequence.

6. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to any one of claims ~~claim~~ 1, 3 and ~~5~~ wherein said nucleic acid modifies the transcription of a ~~polynucleotides~~ polynucleotide placed under its control.

7. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, wherein said isolated nucleic acid is a polynucleotide comprising a sequence ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -200, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

8. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, wherein said isolated nucleic acid is a polynucleotide comprising a sequence ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the

nucleotide at position -300, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

9. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -600, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

10. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -2894, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No.1.

11. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position +120 to the nucleotide at position -995, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

12. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position +108 to the nucleotide at position -2228, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

13. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, wherein said isolated nucleic acid activates the transcription of a polynucleotide of interest placed under its control.

14. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, wherein said isolated nucleic acid inhibits the transcription of a polynucleotide of interest placed under its control.

15 - 22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid which hybridizes, under high stringency conditions, with 500 or more consecutive nucleotides of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1, or 500 or more consecutive nucleotides of the complement of SEQ ID No. 1.

24-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1 further comprising a polynucleotide encoding at least one compound chosen from polypeptides of interest and nucleic acids of interest.

34. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 33, wherein said polynucleotide encoding at least one compound encodes at least one nucleic acid of interest chosen from sense oligonucleotides and antisense oligonucleotides.

35. (Previously Presented) A recombinant vector comprising at least one isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1.

36. (Original) The recombinant vector according to claim 35, wherein said vector is chosen from a recombinant cloning vector and a recombinant expression vector.

37. (Previously Presented) A host cell transformed with at least one isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1.

38. (Original) A host cell transformed with a recombinant vector according to claim 35.

39-56. (Canceled)

57. (New) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide which has having at least 20 consecutive nucleotides of the sequence SEQ ID No. 3, or at least 20 consecutive nucleotides of the complement of SEQ ID No. 3.

58. (New) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide which has 35 or more consecutive nucleotides of:

the sequence SEQ ID No. 5, or

35 or more consecutive nucleotides of the complement of SEQ ID No. 5.